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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED CASE

1. THE ELEVEN-MONTH INVESTIGATION OF THE LOCKHEED CASE
BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT WAS FORMALLY CONCLUDED ON
MARCH 14. THE TRIAL WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 10.

2. ELEVEN PERSONS WERE INDICTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE
LOCKHEED CASE: LUIGI GUI (EX-MINISTER OF DEFENSE);
MARIO TANASSI (EX-MINISTER OF DEFENSE); BRUNO PALMIOTTI
(EX-SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO TANASSI); CAMILLO CROCIANI
(EX-PRESIDENT OF FINMECCANICA); OVIDIO LEFEBVRE
(CONSULTANT FOR LOCKHEED); ANTONIO LEFEBVRE
(EX-LAWYER AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR); DUILIO FANALI
(EX-AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF); VITTORIO ANTONELLI
(LAWYER AND CONSULTANT TO CROCIANI); MAX MELCA
(PRESIDENT OF IKARIA); LUIGI OLIVI (MANAGER OF IKARIA);
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MARIA FAVA (EMPLOYEE OF CROCIANI).

3. RUMORS THAT VITTORIA LEONE, WIFE OF PRESIDENT LEONE,
AND ALDO MORO, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT, WERE
ALSO INVOLVED IN THIS SCANDAL HAVE BEEN WIDELY REPORTED
IN THE PRESS.

4. THE RUMOR ABOUT MORO WAS ATTRIBUTED TO FORMER ITALAIN AMBASSADOR DAINELLI. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN "IL GIORNALE" (MARCH 15),"...IT APPEARS THAT DAINELLI CONFIRMED HIS CONVICTION WITH EXTREME CERTAINTY, CITING AS WITNESSES FOUR IMPORTANT PERSONS. THEY ARE: THE FIRST IS THE FAMOUS JOURNALIST ENRICO MATTEI; THE SECOND IS THE FORMER AMBASSADOR AT ROME, JOHN VOLPE; THE THIRD IS THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO VOLPE, TRIMARCO; THE FOURTH IS AN AMERICAN ADMIRAL, A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE CIA."

5. IN VIEW OF THE REPORTED ASSERTION MADE BY DAINELLI TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT REGARDING FORMER AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE PERSONS MAY BE ASKED TO TESTIFY AT THE FORTHCOMING TRIAL. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO INFORM THEM OF THE SITUATION.GARDNER

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